

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	:	Timo Hillebrand, et al.
Application Serial No.	:	10/534,387
Filing Date	:	November 22, 2005
Title	:	Novel Buffer Formulations for Isolating, Purifying and Recovering Long-Chain and Short-Chain Nucleic Acids
Confirmation No.	:	2884
Group Art Unit	:	1637
Attorney Docket No.	:	050372
Examiner	:	Mark Staples

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on January 15, 2008, and having a shortened statutory period for reply of April 15, 2008. This response is believed timely with the inclusion of a Petition for Extension of Time of one month, as well as the necessary fee. If a further extension is necessary, kindly grant one and deduct the fee for same from Deposit Account No. 02-4800, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

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